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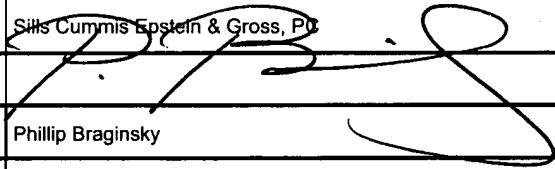
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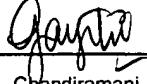
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In re Application of: **Raul Curbelo**

Patent Application For: Infrared Source for Spectrometers

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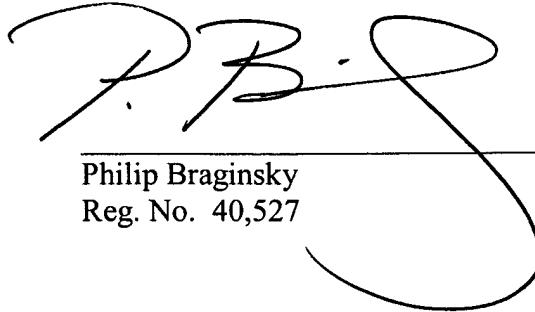
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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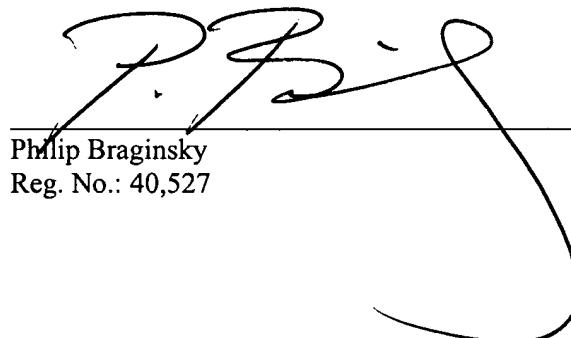
Sir:

On February 28, 2005, the Examiner and myself conducted a telephonic interview on the pending claims in the above application. All independent claims were discussed. No prior art was referenced by the Examiner and no prior art was discussed during the interview. The Examiner expressed his opinion that the claims would read more clearly by bringing part

of the preamble into the claim elements by use of functional language. The Applicant's agreed to this suggestion since the functional language does not limit the claims in anyways.

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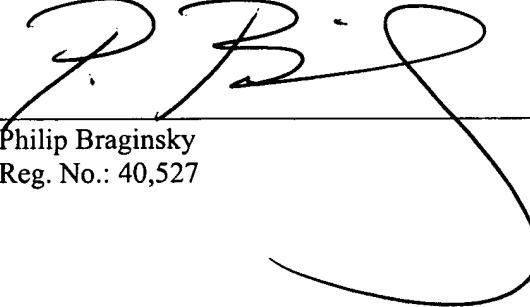
Sir:

The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments made on March 4, 2005, were made without reference to any cited prior art by the Examiner. The Examiner did not cite any prior art and the amendment was therefore not made to overcome any prior art. Thus no ground as to equivalents has been surrendered between the original claims and the

amended claims. These amendments merely moved functional language originally in the preamble of the claims to the claim elements in an effort to clarify the invention.

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